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2018 NZRCA SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Meeting Open 11:00am
2. Welcome
 Murray Macdonald welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their participation.

Name	Designation	# Voting Club
Murray Macdonald	NZRCA President	
Scott Kendall	NZRCA Secretary	
Richard Price	NZRCA Treasurer	
Matthew Banks	NZRCA HSE Officer	
Darren Biggs	Delegate	15 - Hawkes Bay
Janette Clark	Observer	
Braedyn Clark	Delegate	7 – Hamilton
Luke Prattley	Delegate	9 – CHCH Indoors
Luke Duthie	Delegate	13 – Taranaki
Colin Storey	Delegate	12 – North Harbour
Cam Dench	Delegate	3 – Canterbury
Julian Hardy	Delegate	10 – Manawatu
Edwin Pibal	Delegate	4 – CMR
Amber Kendall	Delegate	23 – LFR 5 – Counties (Proxy)

3. Apologies received from:
 Dargaville – Geoff Walker
 Auckland – Mark Houghton
 BOP – Bird Cristobal
 Counties – Shane O’Connor & Russell Mahony
 CMR – Rex Wessels
 Whangarei – Dave Smith
 Wanganui – Zac Reid

 2nd Luke Prattley. Passed unanimously
4. NZRCA Constitutional Proposed Changes
 As per items below
5. Close Meeting
 Special meeting closed 12:23pm

NZRCA Constitutional Items (under section 5.1.6 & Section 16 of NZRCA Constitution)

The following 18 Constitutional items have been submitted by Little Forest Raceway to be presented by Scott Kendall and Matthew Banks (CMR).

Item 1:

Current Rule: 3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the NZRCA shall be open to all persons interested in the construction and racing of Radio Controlled model automobiles.

There shall be two categories of Membership of the NZRCA, Club and Life membership.



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3.1 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1.1 All Clubs whose members wish to join the NZRCA. or who wish to hold NZRCA, Sanctioned Events must be an affiliated member Clubs of the NZRCA.
- 3.1.2 Any application for membership must contain such information as the Executive Board of the Association may from time to time require and shall be accompanied by the current annual membership fee.
- 3.1.3 Such application shall be placed for approval before the next Executive Board or Annual General Meeting where applicable and such approval shall require a Simple majority of votes.
- 3.1.4 Pending such approval an applicant club shall be entitled to be represented at all NZRCA sponsored events.
- 3.1.5 The Rights and Privileges of every member club shall be personal to that member club and not transferable either by that members clubs own act or by the operation of the law.
- 3.1.6 No reason shall be given for declining any membership application.

3.2 LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life membership may be conferred on any person as recognition of Special Services rendered to the NZRCA.

- 3.2.1. Life members shall be sponsored and nominated by the Executive Board and shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the NZRCA.
- 3.22 Life Members may speak at Meetings only at the invitation or the permission of the Chairman and they shall have No voting rights.

Proposed Rule: 3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the NZRCA shall be open to all persons interested in the construction and racing of Radio Controlled model automobiles.

There shall be ~~two~~ **three** categories of Membership of the NZRCA, Club, Life and Competitor membership.

(Add third section – competitor membership (as currently written as Section 11 of the NZRCA constitution)

3.3 COMPETITOR MEMBERSHIP

- 3.3.1 The applicant must be financial member of a NZRCA affiliated Club.
- 3.3.2 Upon receipt of such application a licence will be issued which will be necessary for the entry at any competition held other than the licence holder’s home club.

3.3.2.1 Such licence will be current for a Calendar year, and shall expire on the 31st day of December

Reason: In order for the online voting that was voted on and passed at the 2017 AGM, the constitution requires further updates to include competitor membership (currently section 11) to be included in section 3 of the constitution. Competitor membership will allow for individuals to submit online votes for remits passed by Club Membership at the AGM as per sections 5.1.3

Seconded	4
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23
Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 2:

Current Rule:

- 3.7.1 The Secretary shall keep a register of members in accordance with law.

Proposed Rule:



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3.7.1 The Secretary/Licence Secretary shall keep a register of members in accordance with law.

Reason: The licence secretary has kept register of members for well over 10+ years not the secretary so simply adjusting the wording to be correct, but also these 2 positions can be held by the same person.

Seconded	10
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23
Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 3:

Current Rule:

4. REGIONS

4.1 Regions will be established throughout the Country by geographical location.
Each region will have a Regional Steward.

4.2 New member Clubs will be allocated to a region by the Secretary at the time of membership acceptance.

4.3 Regions may only be changed by an Annual General Meeting or a Special Meeting called for that purpose.

Proposed Rule:

Remove Section 4 from constitution

Reason: Zones were effectively disbanded when zone stewards were replaced with technical officers. There is no reason to keep zones in the constitution.

Seconded	10
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23
Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 4:

Current Rule: The NZRCA shall hold its Annual General Meeting (herein after referred to as the AGM) in the last full weekend in the month of October.

Proposed Rule: The NZRCA shall hold its Annual General Meeting (herein after referred to as the AGM) in September each year (preferred location to be Auckland).

Reason: There is no reason why it needs to be set to a specific weekend and this can make arranging a venue very difficult if other events are on at the same time. This allows the executive to work to a date best to suit the association in the month of September around other possible events. Also, the current constitution states October (as voted and passed at special meeting held on 3rd October 2009), but existing President and other members of the executive board recall it being changed to September at a later date however no minutes can be located to verify this. It is also noted that since voted on in 2009 to be held in October, the AGM has not once been held in October and has in fact been held in September each year excluding 2011.



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It has been requested in the past to move the meeting to other towns to share the location around, but history has shown that when the meeting is held in any other centre than Auckland, AGM costs are greatly increased.

Seconded	10
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23
Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 5:

Proposed New Rule: 5.1.1a Nominations and motions for the agenda may only be submitted from Club Memberships (not competitor members or life members) and the executive board may request minuted evidence from clubs that the remits were discussed and submitted by the club not any individual.

Reason: Currently there is no rule in place stipulating remits MUST come from clubs and although the constitution and general intention is for this to be the case, there have been concerns in the past and currently that remits & nominations have come from individuals not clubs. There is nothing wrong with individuals going to their club to propose a remit or nomination, however all submitted items need to come from clubs with the clubs majority backing their submissions.

Seconded	10
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23
Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 6:

Current Rule: 5.1.3.3 Elected officers will form the Executive Board as follows:

1. PRESIDENT
2. SECRETARY
3. TREASURER
4. I.C Off-Road Technical Officer
5. I.C On-Road Technical Officer
6. Electric Off-Road Technical Officer
7. Electric On-Road Technical Officer
8. Publicity Officer
9. License Secretary

Proposed Rule: 5.1.3.3 Elected officers will form the Executive Board as follows:

1. PRESIDENT
2. SECRETARY
3. TREASURER
4. I.C OFF-ROAD TECHNICAL OFFICER
5. I.C ON-ROAD TECHNICAL OFFICER
6. ELECTRIC OFF-ROAD TECHNICAL OFFICER
7. ELECTRIC ON-ROAD TECHNICAL OFFICER
8. PUBLICITY OFFICER
9. LICENSE SECRETARY
10. HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER



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Reason: This role was proposed by Murray Macdonald at the 2016 AGM during general business. But for this role to be officially included as part of the NZRCA executive board, official notice of the position must be given at least 1 month prior to the AGM for clubs to then vote on. This is simply tidying up something that was voted on and passed at previous meetings but technically not completed correctly.

Seconded	10
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23
Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 7:

New Proposed Rule: (Subject to item 6 Passing)

5.1.3.8.1 The position of Health and Safety Officer may be combined with any other executive position, but if so may carry only one vote at all meetings.

Reason: The HSE role as per other roles, can be completed by someone already holding an NZRCA Executive Board position

Seconded	10
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23
Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 8:

Current Rule:

5.1.3.12.1 Additions to or revision (remits) of these rules are to be submitted and presented by member clubs to the Annual General Meeting. Club delegates at the meeting shall vote on remits submitted with any remit receiving a fifty percent majority vote then be "passed" to members/racers to complete online voting via the NZRCA website.

5.1.3.12.2 NZRCA members shall create a unique log-on via the NZRCA website using their NZRCA licence number, actual name and valid email address. Once their account is created and verified, members can select from the Five sections (General, EP On-Road, EP Off-Road, IC On-Road, IC Off-Road) to view / vote on "passed" remits from the Annual General Meeting. Members can view / vote on any section.

5.1.3.12.3 Online voting shall close one calendar month after being made available online for members to view/vote on. At the closure of voting, all final voting numbers shall be made public and require a two thirds majority vote to pass.

5.1.3.13 Any changes to these rules shall have an effective date which shall be a minimum of two calendar months after the meeting approving the change.

Proposed Rule:

5.1.3.12.1 Additions to or revision (remits) of these rules are to be submitted and presented by member



clubs to the Annual General Meeting (as per section 5.1.1). Member club delegates at the meeting shall vote on remits submitted with any remit receiving a fifty percent 50% majority vote then be “passed” to members/racers to complete online voting via the NZRCA website.

5.1.3.12.2 NZRCA competitor members shall create a unique log-on via the NZRCA website (or other as linked to the NZRCA website) using their NZRCA licence number, actual name and valid email address. Once their account is created and verified, competitor members can select from the Five sections (General, EP On-Road, EP Off-Road, IC On-Road, IC Off-Road) to view / vote on “passed” remits from the Annual General Meeting. Competitor members can view / vote on any section.

5.1.3.12.3 Online voting shall close one calendar month after being made available online. ~~for members to view/vote on~~. At the closure of voting, all final voting numbers shall be made public and require a two thirds majority vote to pass.

5.1.3.13 Any changes to the ~~se~~ rules shall have an effective date of 1st January ~~the year after following~~ the AGM approving the change.

5.1.3.14 Any changes to the ~~se~~ rules made at a Special Meeting shall have an effective date of a minimum of two calendar months after the special meeting approving the change.

Reason: Further update of text required to ensure the online voting is completed correctly. The inclusion of competitor membership is required to enable the above text. Speaking to all 3rd party online voting software suppliers, they have said to enable the 5 sections of rules to be split would add substantial costs so in the best interests of the NZRCA, the online voting would allow members to see all remits.

Update of section 5.1.3.13 to have an effective date 1st January (when new rulebooks are released) and new item section 5.1.3.14 for any changes passed via a special meeting.

Seconded	10
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23
Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 9:

Current Rule: 5.2.3.2 To Decide the Date and Venue of future Championships not dealt with at the AGM

Proposed Rule: 5.2.3.2 To Decide the Date and Venue of future Championships not dealt with at the AGM or by the executive under its powers (section 8)

Reason: Currently events technically require an AGM or Special Meeting for approval by the board. This update allows the NZRCA Executive Board to make such event approvals at any time on application.

Seconded	10
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Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 10:



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Current Rule: 6. VOTING AT MEETINGS
 6.1 QUORUM

6.1.1 The Quorum for an Executive Board Meeting shall be 25% of the elected member.

Proposed Rule:
 6. VOTING AT MEETINGS

6.1 QUORUM

6.1.1 The Quorum for an Executive Board Meeting shall be two thirds of the elected member.

Reason: 25% is too low for a quorum for an executive board meeting and should be two thirds as a minimum.

Seconded	10
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23
Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 11:

Current Rule: 6. VOTING AT MEETINGS
 6.1 QUORUM

6.1.2 The Quorum for an Annual General or Special Meeting, shall consist of no less than member clubs from two regions, making up a total of no less than 25% of the total membership of the member clubs.

Proposed Rule:
 6. VOTING AT MEETINGS

6.1.2 The Quorum for an Annual General or Special Meeting, shall consist of no less than member clubs from two regions, making up a total of no less than 50% of the total membership of the member clubs.

Reason: 25% is too low for a quorum and should be 50% as a minimum. Removal of reference to regions as these are not applicable anymore as per item 3 presented.

Seconded	Withdrawn
For	
Against	
Abstained	
Result	

Item 12:

Proposed New Item: 8.2 The Board may decide the date and venue of future championships not dealt with at the AGM

Reason: As per item 9 previously presented, Currently events technically require an AGM or Special Meeting for



approval by the board. This update allows the NZRCA Executive Board to make such event approvals at any time on application.

Seconded	10
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23
Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 13:

Current Rule:

9. THE CONTROL AND INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

9.1 The Secretary/Treasurer and Licence Secretary are to open and operate bank accounts as directed by the Board.

9.2 The Secretary/Treasurer is Responsible for handling of all fund of the NZRCA by the Board.

9.2.1 All income is to be directed to the Secretary/Treasurer who is to issue receipts and deposit funds in the Association bank accounts.

Proposed Rule:

9.1 The Secretary/Treasurer, President and Licence Secretary are to open and operate bank accounts as directed by the Board.

9.2 The Secretary/Licence Secretary/Treasurer is Responsible for handling of all funds of the NZRCA by the Board.

9.2.1 All income is to be directed to the Licence Secretary/Licence Secretary/Treasurer who is to issue receipts and deposit funds in the Association bank accounts.

Reason: Adding president role to opening and operating account and wherever secretary or licence secretary is mentioned, making sure both roles are mentioned as these positions can be held by the same person on the executive board.

Seconded	10
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23
Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 14:

Current Rule:

9.3 The Secretary/Treasurer will hold the Associations cheque book and is Responsible for issuing cheques as directed by the Board and in accordance with the NZRCA Rules.

Proposed Rule:

9.3 The Secretary/Treasurer will hold the Associations cheque book and is Responsible for issuing cheques as directed by the Board and in accordance with the NZRCA Rules.

9.3.1 The Treasurer will have access to the NZRCA bank account via internet banking and shall be permitted



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to process online transactions for any accounts approved and minuted at an AGM, Special Meeting or Board meeting.

Reason: Inclusion for allowance to use internet banking as has been done for a number of years now, but have rules in place as to when payments can be made.

Seconded	10
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23
Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 15:

Current Rule:

9.5 Wherever possible, purchases on behalf of the Association over Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) should have prior authority by the Board.

Proposed Rule:

9.5 ~~Wherever possible,~~ All purchases on behalf of the Association over Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) ~~should~~ must have prior authority by the Board.

Reason: Change of wording from wherever possible, to All, and “should” replaced with “must”. Current wording leaves too much open.

Seconded	10
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23
Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 16:

9.6.3 An independent audit of the NZRCA financial records may conducted on an annual basis by a person or persons, each of whom shall be a member of the NZ Society of Chartered Accountants, appointed by Association at the Annual General Meeting.

Proposed Rule:

9.6.3 An independent audit of the NZRCA financial records may conducted on an annual basis by a person or persons, each of whom shall be a suitably qualified person, appointed by the executive board.

Reason: Currently states that audits must be completed by chartered accountants only. This comes at a substantial cost when there are number of suitably qualified people who complete audits for associations and clubs as a fraction of the cost. Incorporated Societies requires our accounts to be audits but does not stipulate the level of qualification the person must hold in order to complete the audit process.

Seconded	10
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23
Against	13



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Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 17:

Current Rule:

11. COMPETITORS Moved to section 3

11.1 The applicant must be financial member of a NZRCA affiliated Club.

11.2 Upon receipt of such application a licence will be issued which will be necessary for the entry at any competition held other than the licence holder’s home club.

11.2.1 Such licence will be current for a Calendar year, and shall expire on the 31 of August each year.

Proposed Rule:

Remove section 11. As per item 1 above, has been moved to section 3 of constitution.

Reason: Needs to be under section 3 – Membership for online voting purposes.

Seconded	10
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23 13
Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed

Item 18:

Current Rule: 12. International Events

Proposed Rule: 12. IFMAR Events

Reason: Any member can attend any other international event currently without having to apply to NZRCA for approval, however IFMAR events require NZRCA application and approval so update of heading so competitors must apply for IFMAR events only

Seconded	10
For	15 7 9 12 3 10 4 23 13
Against	
Abstained	5
Result	Passed